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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

No. 42

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk**

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March 5, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 42—Relative to Science Fair Month.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 42, as amended, Quirk. Science Fair Month.

This measure would declare the month of March 2015 as Science Fair Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Science fairs emphasize the importance of science,
- 2 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, and
- 3 the value of exploration and research conducted by young pupils
- 4 in areas that interest them; and

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WHEREAS, Science fair opportunities stimulate interest in STEM, encourage pupils entry into STEM related careers, and provide pupil the opportunity to interact with professional scientists and engineers in an environment where excellence and pupil achievement are recognized and rewarded; and

WHEREAS, By inspiring and encouraging young minds to develop a growing interest in STEM education, science fairs expose pupils to opportunities in STEM fields; and

WHEREAS, Furthering the knowledge of pupils in STEM fields is beneficial to their growth and futures; and

WHEREAS, Numerous science fairs are held throughout communities during the month of March; and

WHEREAS, The 4th annual Synopsys Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair, co-sponsored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, held on March 20-22, 2015, connects bright and motivated young scientists and engineers with the County of Alameda's industry, academia, and professional organizations to promote educational development within the county and the development of scientific inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and high-level problem solving skills, while promoting the future growth of STEM in the County of Alameda and the state; and

WHEREAS, Spreading knowledge and encouraging the development of a more specialized workforce enhances the general community by serving as an investment in the future prosperity of the County of Alameda and the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislative joins Synopsys Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair, and all science fairs in the state, in declaring the month of March 2015, as Science Fair Month; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.